Packing of exported sugar

2248. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1673 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 2002 and state:

(a) the actual quantity of sugar exported so far;

(b) the packing material used for the purpose indicating the Jute Bags of 50 Kgs. and 100 Kgs. and PP/HDPE Woven Sacks of 50 Kgs. and 100 Kgs.;

(c) whether it is a fact that almost entire packing was done in Non-Jute Bags such as PP/HDPE Woven Sacks of 50 Kgs. size; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, (DGCI&S) Kolkata, the total quantity of sugar actually exported is as given below:—

Sl.No.	Financial Year	Export (MT)	Value (in Rs./crores)
1.	1999-2000	12,990	18.14
2.	2000-2001	3,38,691	430.98
3.	2001-2002	14,56,221 (P)	1728.04 (P)
4.	2002-2003 (Upto July, 2002)	3,48,350 (P)	390.89 (P)

(b) to (d) The export of sugar is carried out under Open General License (O.G.L.) by various sugar mills/exporters. The packaging of sugar meant for export purposes is carried out as per the foreign buyer's requirement and as such, it is not possible to indicate the quantum of sugar exported in Jute/PP/HDPE woven sacks, separately.

It may, however, be mentioned there that sugar has also been exported in 100 Kg. Jute bags, besides PP/HDPE bags of 50 Kg.